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The University of South Carolina College of Nursing’s online graduate program has been named the top online nursing graduate program by U.S. News and World Report in their 2016 Best Online Education Programs rankings.

Online Nursing Graduate Program

College of Nursing Dean Jeannette Andrews expressed excitement and pride over the news in a press release. “The No. 1 ranking validates the strength of our exemplary students, faculty, staff and alumni, as well as their commitment to quality, innovation and rigor in our graduate programs,” Andrews said in the release. The online graduate program moved up two spots in the U.S. News and World Report rankings from 2015. In the previous year, they were tied for third with the online nursing program of Johns Hopkins University. The program itself has been in place for 15 years, and it currently has around 118 students enrolled.

Andrews noted that the ranking reflects well upon the university as a whole as well as the state of South Carolina. “It is a high honor and privilege for the University of South Carolina College of Nursing and our state to achieve the top ranking in the nation,” Andrews said in the same release. U.S. News and World Report considers a myriad of factors in their ranking system for online education programs. These factors include faculty credentials and training, student services, technology, admissions selectivity, peer reputation

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Three Scottish international students expand on their first impressions of USC, America, and Columbia.

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“Would you like to come in for a cup of tea?” Adam McGalpine asked. I was immediately struck by his genuine charm and hospitality. I fumbled around for words: “Yes, I suppose I would — except I’m not sure I know how.” He laughed, yet seemed extremely confused.

I didn’t blame him. I wasn’t really sure how to accept such an unusual offer and was still very distracted by his beautiful coat and leather shoes. He appeared as though he was attending a business meeting with someone much more important than me. I sat on the couch across from McGalpine,

along with fellow international students Louise Hunter and Amy McLaughlin, all of whom are studying abroad from Scotland. As I surveyed the living room, with fresh, British-brewed tea in hand, I noticed a hot plate on the counter in place of the typical Keurig. Puzzled, I asked if McGalpine’s roommates already

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HOMECOMING APPLICATIONS RELEASED

The Leadership and Service Center and Campus Life are implementing a Homecoming Commission Selection Committee in an effort to ensure transparent, diverse leadership for the 2016 homecoming events. The new committee will be made up of one student each from 15 Hall of Leaders student organizations. Among these are Dance Marathon, Association of African American Students, the Residence Hall Association and Sport Club Council. In addition to implementing the selection process, the committee will also facilitate marketing and communication with the student body. The Homecoming Commission will be required to attend a Student Leadership and Diversity Conference and to participate in four weeks of follow-up events after the 2016 Homecoming Week. Applications for the Homecoming Commission are open until Jan. 20. The selection session will take place on Jan. 24.

— Emily Barber, News Editor

Student government announces deadlines

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Student Government has announced their important dates and deadlines for those interested in running in the 2016 student body elections. The list includes mandatory informational meetings for candidates and filing deadlines as well as information on debates and when elections will take place.

Those students interested in running for a position in the student senate can attend an informational meeting on Jan. 14 in the senate chambers from 7 to 8 p.m., and those students interested in running for an executive position can attend an informational meeting that same evening from 8 to 9 p.m. There are mandatory

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IN BRIEF

Turkey suicide bombing kills 10

Turkish officials have announced that a suicide bombing in the country's capital of Istanbul that killed 10 and wounded at least 15 Tuesday was perpetrated by the IS, The New York Times reports. The bomber is believed to be Syrian. The 10 killed were all foreign citizens, hailing from Germany and Peru. The bombing occurred in a major historic district of the city.

—Compiled by Mary Ramsey, News Editor

US Navy vessels held by Iran to be returned

According to The State, a Pentagon spokesperson has announced that the US Navy briefly lost contact with two of its vessels Tuesday, but that the US has been assured by Iranian officials that they will be returned promptly. The two vessels, described as small in nature, were traveling between the countries of Kuwait and Bahrain then drifted into Iranian territorial waters after experiencing mechanical difficulties in the Persian Gulf at the time of the incident.

—Compiled by Mary Ramsey, News Editor

3 suspects incarcerated in connection with weekend shooting

Columbia Police have arrested three individuals in connection with a shooting on Truman Street in Columbia Saturday evening that left one person wounded, The State reports. CPD are also still searching for a fourth suspect in the incident. The three individuals have been charged with attempted murder as well as other charges related to the ensuing police pursuit. The victim was treated for nonlife-threatening injuries to the arm at a local hospital.

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informational meetings on Jan. 26 in Russell House for both senate and executive candidates from 7 to 8 p.m. and 8 to 9 p.m. respectively. The filing period for 2016 candidates will be from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Jan. 19-20. Students can file for candidacy in the Leadership and Service Center. Student Government will also host an

executive candidates debate in the Russell House Ballroom on Feb. 9 from 7 to 9 p.m. Elections for 2016 Student Government positions will be held on Feb. 16-17, and any necessary run-off elections will be held from Feb. 23-24. Winning candidates will be inaugurated in a ceremony to be held at Rutledge Chapel on March 16 that will be followed by an Inauguration Reception at the President's House on the historic Horseshoe.

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and student engagement. The College of Nursing was not the only University of South Carolina program included in this year's set of rankings. The College of Education was ranked 22nd in online education graduate programs and the College of Engineering and Computing's online engineering graduate program, the only one in the state of South Carolina, was ranked 49th.

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The owner of Rise, Sarah Simmons, opened another restaurant in New York called Birds and Bubbles, but returned to Columbia to open this gourmet foods bakeshop.

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Spring Valley graduate opens gourmet bakeshop

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Across from Food Lion in Five Points sits a quaint restaurant, complete with outdoor seating decorated with blue umbrellas. A case of mouthwatering pastries greets you upon entering Rise Gourmet Goods & Bakeshop, and a cheery staff is eager to help you select a meal from a walled menu of teal and orange script.

Rise opened shortly before the flood and offers breakfast and lunch, as well as dinner, until 8 p.m. on weekdays.

“We have a mixture of daily pastries that we make in-house. We make them all fresh every morning,” Charley Scruggs,

who helped open the new establishment along with owner Sarah Simmons, said. “And we have a mixture of a lunch menu with sandwiches and salads and also a breakfast menu with breakfast bowls and breakfast sandwiches.”

Simmons is a local at heart. She grew up in Columbia and attended Spring Valley High School. An experienced chef and restaurant guru, she opened a successful restaurant called Birds and Bubbles in New York. Wanting to come back to town to find her roots, Simmons came back to Columbia and opened Rise, and a unique culinary experience was born.

Their most popular menu item, “The Gamecock,” is also one of Scruggs’ favorites

— a fried chicken sandwich that comes with a little bit of Sriracha mayo and house-made pickles.

“One thing the city has needed for a while is a bakery that serves more than just bread and more than just cookies,” Scruggs said. “We have a lot of very awesome bakeries in the city, but I think what we’re trying to do here is kind of offer a dining experience that people can’t find at those bakeries.”

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Pricing for future gaming

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Over the holiday break, while kids everywhere were opening up new consoles and games, Oculus founder Palmer Luckey gave a bag of coal to anyone looking forward to virtual reality (VR). Luckey announced that the anticipated Oculus Rift VR headset will be sold for \$599, which is about \$250 more than an Xbox One or PlayStation 4 console bundle. Many expected a lower price point for the upcoming VR headset that would be more in line with the price of a new console, but Luckey surprised most industry professionals with this unforeseen price point.

“If something’s even \$600, it doesn’t matter how good it is, how great of an experience it is — if they (gamers) just can’t afford it, then it really might as well not exist,” Luckey said in a 2013 interview.

Granted, the Rift will come with an Xbox One controller and two games, but you will need a pretty high-end and expensive PC to use it, not to mention what it will take to run with the highest specs possible.

Despite the somber news of the premium price, there are a few other VR headsets coming within the next year that may offer some sort of hope for those wanting to venture into the future of gaming. HTC and Valve have yet to give a price point for the HTC Vive. Samsung is selling Gear VR for under \$100, although it is little more than a headset for the Galaxy line of phones. The Microsoft HoloLens, which is more augmented reality than true VR, will start shipping Development Editions this year for \$3,000.

However, perhaps the most intriguing headset, and the one with the best chance of breaking into the mainstream, is Sony’s PlayStation VR.

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Courtesy of Oculus

Gamers were disappointed with Oculus’ new virtual reality headset.



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the kettle when he arrived, and he quickly shook his head — as soon as he arrived in Columbia, he found a way to Wal-Mart to buy the kettle to make tea, which he couldn’t live without.

McGalpine, Hunter, and Mclaughlin have settled into their new living arrangements on campus, and they’ve even attended their first American house party on Pickens Street. The three seemed extremely fascinated by the live DJ and how comfortable they felt just strolling up to people and striking a casual conversation.

“I think the people here are a lot different. Everyone here is really friendly, like you walk past someone in the street and they’ll look at you and smile and say ‘hi’ — at home everyone’s really not like that,” Hunter said.

They’ve also noticed that people in Columbia dress much more casually than in the United Kingdom, sporting leggings and sorority T-shirts rather than big name brands. Mclaughlin commented on how often she’s already seen garnet and black sportswear and USC T-shirts. Where she’s from, wearing college paraphernalia is extremely uncommon and almost something students try to avoid.

“Americans are so patriotic in every way about their country, their state, their college; it’s quite cool — something we’re not used to,” McGalpine said.

Although people seem friendly, it’s still a challenge to hold conversations with various inconsistencies in English pronunciation between Americans and Scottish. For example, if you ever find yourself in Scotland and you’re looking for Lake Lomond, be sure to pronounce it “Loch Lomond” or you will confuse everyone around you.

“People don’t really understand us too well — like we understand them more than they understand us,” McGalpine said. “I think it’s because we have quite a thick accent and maybe they’re not used to hearing that. Like we wouldn’t say ‘girl’ we say like ‘guh-RI’ and people always think we’re saying ‘ghetto.’”

McGalpine and Hunter are both from small towns outside of Glasgow, Scotland’s largest city. According to them, the city’s brand — “People Make Glasgow” — truly reflect the neighborly people of the city. McGalpine is from Dumbarton, a small town near Loch Lomond, the largest freshwater lake in the United Kingdom. McGalpine works part time at a hotel and attends university in Glasgow, where he studies marketing and hospitality and tourism. Hunter is from Falkirk, and attends the same university in Glasgow where she studies marketing and entrepreneurship and works on the weekends at the fragrance counter in Boots, a convenience store. Both McGalpine and Hunter enjoy the bustling nightlife of Glasgow and also take advantage of the rural landscapes just outside the city.

“I like to drive around to places I’ve never been before — like me and my friends,

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Although Luckey has criticized Sony’s headset for not being as high-end as the Oculus Rift and said that the PlayStation 4 is not nearly as powerful, many are hopeful that the PlayStation VR will make a premium, but affordable, VR headset for console games.

“I could see it being more than \$300 ... because at that point you’re spending as much as the console is worth now. I think \$299 is the sweet point,” Colin Moriarty of Kinda Funny Games said in October.

However, one day after the Rift price was released, Amazon Canada listed PlayStation VR for what is equivalent to about \$800 USD. Sony has said that it was an error and that the price point has not yet been announced, and the release date looked to be a placeholder, but after such recent news, perhaps there is more than meets the eye to the leak.

So, what does this all mean for gaming?

Well, VR has been infamously hard to demo without trying it

yourself, and with the news of a higher price point than many were expecting, VR will likely become more niche than even it originally was going to be. But don’t fret, Geoffrey Morrison of CNET offers some sort of good news.

“The Rift won’t always be \$600. The next generation will be cheaper and better. Don’t forget, the first DVD and Blu-ray players were \$1,000,” Morrison said. “The first flat-panel TVs were \$15,000. In all of those cases and most others, the first generation was the worst of that product type. They got better — and cheaper. In all cases, with great rapidity.”

VR is certainly the future of gaming, and most likely will be used beyond that in ways that we have yet to even discover. All this news really means is that the future, for most people, is just a little further away than initially thought.

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we don’t really go out and drink a lot, we’re more into traveling and seeing new places,” McGalpine said. “Dumbarton — where I’m from — it’s really big and there’s so many nooks and cranny’s and small places we’ve never been or even a different side, like a different perspective looking onto the same mountains, so we like to just go on road trips and just drive around.”

McLaughlin lives in Ardrossan on the west coast right on the beach. She commutes to university in Glasgow, a 40-minute trip, to study economics and human resources. Fortunately, she can take a boat over to the Isle of Arran to spend her days hiking and swimming.

Hunter is especially excited about exploring the southern part of America,

because of its unique culture that changes from state to state. McGalpine and McLaughlin are excited to travel to American staples such as Florida, New York City and New Orleans.

“I want to become more independent. I think I rely on my mom and dad far too much — I would like to be able to solve my own problems,” McLaughlin said. “I’m also a very shy and a very nervous person so I’m hoping that by being here — like because everyone here does seem to be, well, they might not be but they come across as really confident — that that will actually maybe help my confidence, so when I go home I won’t actually mind answering out in class even if people are looking at me funny.”

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Clemson's misguided, wasteful football aspirations



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The Clemson Tigers have lost the battle for this year's college football national championship. But they hope to win the coming war.

The arms race is well underway for college football programs, and Clemson is on the front lines.

The new "athletic facility" being built for Clemson's football team will include laser tag, a movie theater, bowling lanes and a miniature golf course. And if not for Clemson's student government, a student fee would have helped foot the bill.

It has been described as a theme park, and head coach Dabo Swinney loves to gush about his new crown jewel. It comes as Clemson is ramping up their entire budget for football.

They spent almost twice as much as USC did for recruiting from 2009 to 2013. Their assistant coaches are the third highest-paid staff behind LSU's and Alabama's. And the price tag for their new facility has soared to \$55 million.

Swinney's chief of staff makes \$252,000 a year. Let that sink in for a moment.

Clemson clearly has dreams of not only competing with Alabama on the field, but off the field as well. They want to be known as a big-time football school, and they are clearly willing to pony up the dough to get there.

Which would be fine, if they were being honest about it. "Clemson's never gonna be Ohio State," Swinney said when discussing his budget. "But we're not trying to be Ohio State."

There's also the painful reality that "Clemsoning" is still a possibility. Clemson just cannot win the big games, no matter how much money they spend.

Now don't get me wrong, USC is certainly a football-crazy school. But I think we have our priorities mostly in line as far as academics and athletics.

For all the jokes and slights we may make about Clemson, they are a quality academic institution. They should resist the urge to build theme parks for their athletes and channel some of that energy and funding into education.

GOP Obamacare attacks insulting

The Affordable Care Act has come under fire from the Republican-held Senate once again, this time making it all the way to the president's desk. Friday, Obama vetoed a bill that would effectively dismantle Obamacare.

The House Ways and Means Committee reports that the GOP has tried to undercut Obamacare at least 60 times, a sentiment which Obama echoed in his veto notes, writing that Republicans are "refighting old political battles by once again voting to repeal basic protections that provide security for the middle class."

Obamacare is riddled with pitfalls. People are confused by the website's interface. The website's price estimates are based on yearly income predictions, which frequently resulted in unpredictable price increases. People are finding it difficult to apply, and even more difficult to stay on a plan. Often plans are shifted around, closed down and then reopened, leading to users having to choose a new plan each year. Despite this, Obamacare has still improved healthcare and quality of life for millions of Americans that were denied insurance and benefits through private health plans.

The GOP, and specifically Speaker of the House Paul Ryan, have insisted that they will replace Obamacare with a more affordable, higher-quality, patient-centered system. Popular presidential candidates from the GOP have openly expressed distrust of Obama's system for healthcare while offering up some of their own solutions.

At its foundation, the program would remain the

same. Those who have health coverage would remain covered, but Republicans insist that these people are being overcharged and underinsured. While many people are unable to afford care, most often specialty medications, it is preposterous to assume that insurance formularies do not reflect the needs of most patients.

Obamacare covers generic medications at low or no cost, medication that is specifically "generic" because so many people need the drug, and it is profitable for many drug companies to produce it. Even in cases where individuals need medication that is not on their plan's formulary, often their doctor can negotiate a form of coverage with the healthcare provider. Instead of pushing for practical reforms to mend a mostly successful system, Republicans are pushing to denature current healthcare and replace it with a newer model. Except there doesn't seem to be a benefit in tearing up the foundation to fix a few leaky pipes.

Republicans have not yet soured on the idea of government-run healthcare, and often claim that those who are insured will be able to keep their coverage under a newly constructed plan. However, every major GOP candidate has insisted that they will repeal Obamacare.

Several new plans that have been offered, such as those of Jeb Bush and Marco Rubio, are merely extensions of the original. They promote benefits such as offering tax credits, additional benefits to businesses, and increasing the minimum amount individuals can contribute to their health

Foreign IS recruits seek meaning



Andy Wilson
First-year
English
student

Anyone who paid attention to news coverage during the last months of 2015 will remember that Europe's immigration crisis was (and will almost certainly continue to be) a major topic. The massive influx of refugees from the Middle East is wearing down European willingness and capacity to receive more asylum seekers. However, much less attention was given to the reverse process — the thousands of young people leaving the (relative) comfort and safety of the West to jump headlong into the Syrian bloodbath.

Desperate civilians caught in a brutal, multisided war must view the West as a paradise of safety, law and order, social services and opportunity for economic mobility. And they are for the most part not wrong to think this, quasi-segregation, social inequality and mounting xenophobia notwithstanding. Compared to the expanding political quagmire of the conflict in the Middle East, the West is a veritable heaven on earth. But why would young Muslims, having attained this sanctuary, forsake it to go to their probable deaths in Syria and Iraq?

I believe that much of the IS's success in recruiting Westerners stems from their perception that the West's promises of fulfillment and the good life are empty. Secularizing trends in Western countries have increasingly displaced religion in informing the worldview of the populace, replacing the old notions of duty to one's god and country with a focus on the self and personal fulfillment.

If God is dead, as the secular prophets have thundered, then there is no inherent meaning in life — you have to come up with your own. In a chat with a materialist friend last semester, he used the term "synthetic happiness," or happiness resulting from one's decision to be happy. This philosophy of life is summed up well by Joseph Campbell: "Life has no meaning. Each of us has meaning and we bring it to life. It is a waste to be asking the question when you are the answer." The logic, at least, of the materialists is sound. If there is not a higher power to bestow meaning on us, we must come up with it on our own or impose it on other things.

The phenomenon of young Westerners being radicalized can be attributed to the fact that we just aren't very good at supplying our own happiness and meaning. We humans have always looked outside ourselves for inspiration, guidance and purpose, whether that be through formal religions, preoccupation with material things or government. But by now, formal religion in the West has weakened its outreach through self-righteousness and snobbery on the one hand and trying to be culturally relevant to the point of becoming virtually indistinguishable from the culture on the other. Those distancing themselves from organized religion are swept up in the mindsets that define our generation, which place emphasis on the self, personal gratification, materialism and increased expectations of what government can and should do.

Most young people in Western countries have been steeped in this intellectual framework permeating our culture long enough that they don't know of any other way to live. But immigrants, especially Muslims, are often enough removed from this cultural zeitgeist to perceive its futility. They are disenchanted and repulsed by the West's freedom so often turned to licentiousness, and in their search for alternatives, some have embraced violent strains of radical Islam like the IS.

According to The Atlantic, "ISIS's caliphate project, because it offers a bracing utopian alternative to Western secular society, speaks directly to those who feel their lives are worthless, spiritually corrupted, empty, boring, or devoid of purpose and significance and who see no value in their own societies. It promises, in short, salvation and ultimate meaning through total commitment to a sacred cause."

That so many young people in the U.S. and Europe have fallen under the spell of the IS's hateful ideology, whether or not they are successful in reaching the IS's "caliphate" or launching domestic attacks, should serve as a wake-up call to us. Until the West can again offer a reason for living more compelling than pleasure or self-actualization, its young people will continue to flock to the ranks of an organization dedicated to our destruction.

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Crimson Tide rolls in Championship game

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The 2016 College Football Playoff National Championship game featured the two top teams in the country: No. 2 Alabama and No. 1 Clemson.

Clemson was looking for its second national title, its first in 34 years, and to continue its undefeated season. The last time Clemson won was in 1981, also the last time the Tigers finished the season undefeated. Alabama entered the game with 13 titles under its belt — last one in 2012.

The game started off slow, but the Crimson Tide struck first, thanks to a 50-yard touchdown run by Heisman Trophy winner Derrick Henry. The Tigers retaliated immediately with six plays for 54 yards on their touchdown drive. Deshaun Watson threw to Hunter Renfrow to tie the game at seven apiece.

Alabama kicker Adam Griffith missed a 44-yard field goal on the next drive to keep the game tied, which opened a window for Clemson to take the lead. The 73-yard drive ended with a completed pass from Watson to Renfrow for an 11-yard touchdown, their second of the night, and the Tigers took their first lead of the game, 14-7, to end the first quarter.

An interception by Eddie Jackson gave Alabama the chance it needed at the Clemson 42-yard-line. Henry

rushed for a yard to score and tie the game at 14 all.

Greg Huegel attempted a 44-yard field goal but was blocked by Alabama. Though there were multiple chances for both teams, strong defensive efforts kept the teams tied at 14 at the half.

Both teams came into the second half with an equal chance at the national title, and Alabama took advantage of that, scoring on its first drive of the half. The wide-open 53-yard touchdown pass from Jake Coker to O.J. Howard gave the Tide the lead, but Clemson answered with a 37-yard field goal to cut the Crimson Tide's lead to 21-17. Clemson was looking for a comeback and found the end zone to cap off a nine play, 60-yard drive, and regained the lead 24-21.

The fourth quarter was full of action and excitement. Alabama started off with a 33-yard field goal to tie the game at 24.

Griffith completed an on-side kick caught by Alabama which led to a 51-yard touchdown pass from Coker to Howard, their second of the night.

A 31-yard Clemson field goal made it 31-27 Alabama.

Kenyan Drake returned the kickoff 95 yards for a huge Alabama touchdown, and extended their lead to 38-27.

The Tigers were not giving up as Watson completed a 15-yard touchdown pass to Artavis Scott and cut the Crimson Tide's lead to 38-33.

Alabama was ready to seal the deal as it capped off a 63-yard drive with

the Heisman winner finishing with the 1-yard touchdown. The Crimson Tide took the lead 45-33 with 1:07 left to play, and Alabama knew they had claimed another championship.

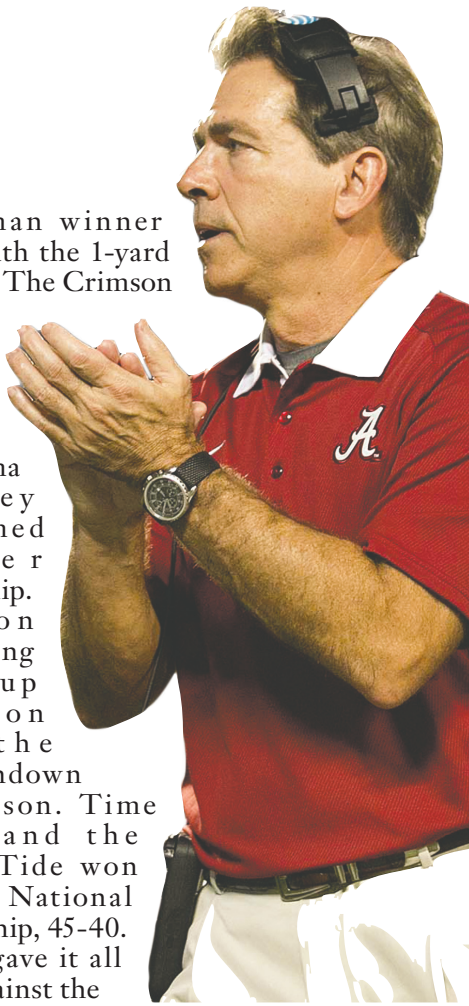
Clemson was not going to give up as Watson threw the final touchdown of the season. Time expired and the Crimson Tide won their 14th National Championship, 45-40.

Watson gave it all he could against the Crimson Tide with 405 passing yards, the most ever in a National Championship game.

Henry had 158 total yards and scored three touchdowns in Alabama's win.

Alabama head coach Nick Saban claimed his fourth championship in the last seven years with Alabama and fifth overall.

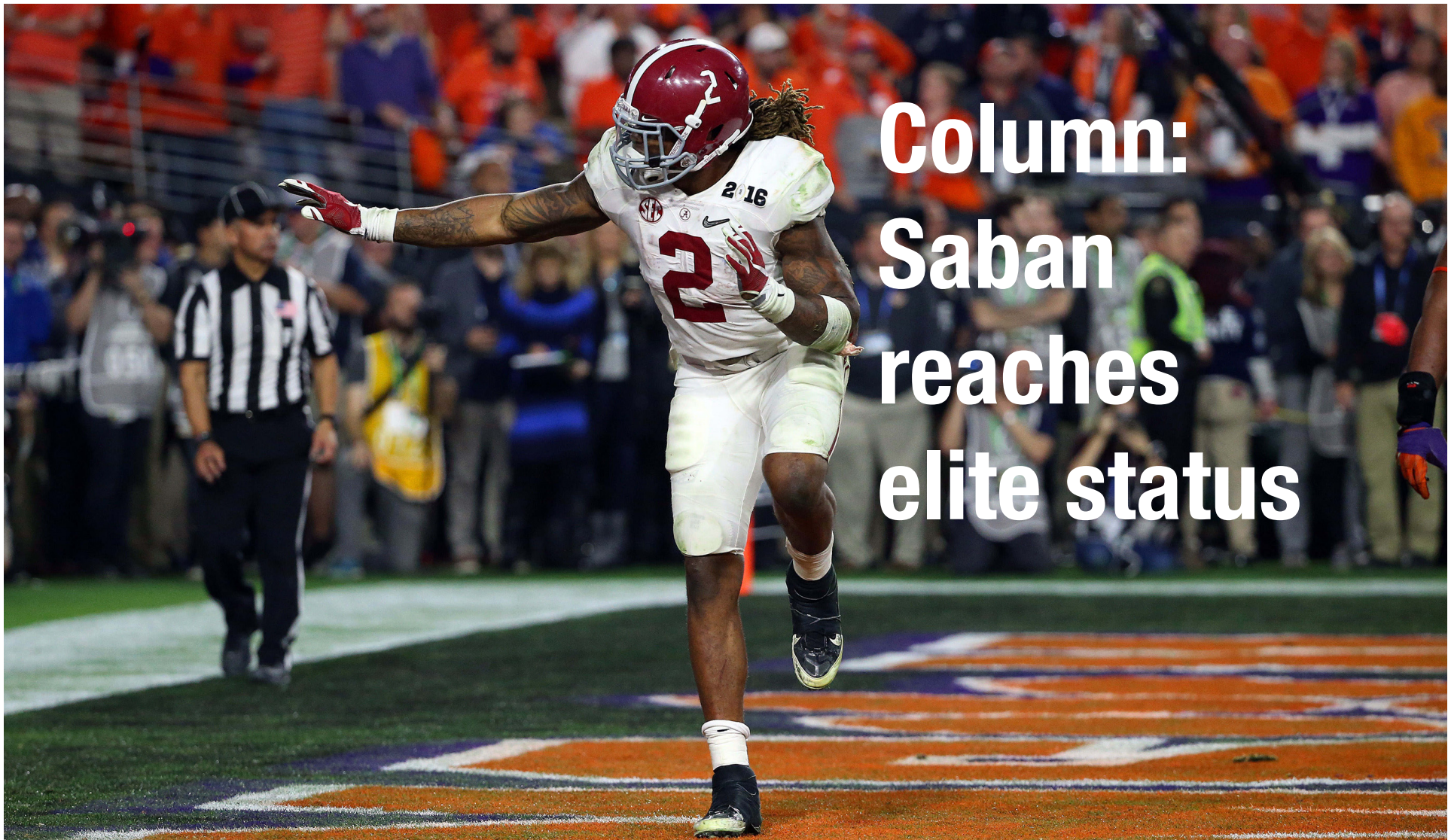
Alabama and Clemson both finished their seasons 14-1.



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Column: Saban reaches elite status

Heisman trophy winner Derrick Henry rushed for 158 yards and three touchdowns on 36 total carriers as Alabama defeated Clemson for the National Championship.

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As the final seconds ticked off the clock Monday night in Glendale, Arizona, the Alabama Crimson Tide etched their name into the history books, becoming just the second team to win four national championships in seven years, joining Notre Dame, who accomplished this feat between 1943 and 1949. Coach Nick Saban earned his fifth national championship, as he won his first title in 2003 with LSU.

Not only has Saban earned a place in the "best coach ever" discussion, but Alabama has cemented themselves as a college football dynasty. ESPN ranks the Tide's 2016 recruiting class as the sixth-best in the country, so it is unlikely that Saban's squad will be leaving the national spotlight any time soon. It is time that we, as sports fans, begin to respect the sustained greatness

that we are witnessing, rather than simply hating Alabama for being a perennial powerhouse.

Since 2008, Saban's second year at the helm, Alabama has a 98-12 record, winning at least 10 games each season, and missing a BCS/New Year's Six Bowl just once. In that stretch, the Crimson Tide were betting favorites in 73 consecutive games, spanning from the 2009 SEC Championship game (a 32-13 Alabama win) to an early October matchup with Georgia this season (a 38-10 Tide domination).

With a fourth championship trophy coming to Tuscaloosa, Saban is drawing more comparisons to the late great coach Paul "Bear" Bryant in terms of legacy. Bryant won six titles in 25 seasons at Alabama, in an era where there were not as many perennial powerhouses as there are today.

Saban has earned four titles in nine seasons while playing in the nation's toughest conference for his

entire tenure. Division rival LSU has been strong throughout the decade, while fellow conference foes Auburn, Florida, Georgia and Ole Miss have turned in strong seasons. Despite the greatness of the SEC, Alabama has reached five of the last eight conference championships, winning four.

Saban earned his 100th win in just nine years, while Bryant took 12 to reach the milestone. Therefore, it's plausible to assume Saban could surpass Bryant's Alabama career total of 232 wins, but at 64-years-old, it is unlikely. Bryant spent 25 years at Alabama, while Saban is beginning his tenth in 2016. Regardless of length of his tenure though, the new coach is head and shoulders above the old in terms of efficiency.

The school has also become a goldmine for NFL-caliber talent. In the last five NFL Drafts, 15 Crimson Tide players have been selected in the first round, seven of whom were selected in the top

10. This list includes players such as Julio Jones and Marcell Dareus, who have made a combined four Pro Bowls since being drafted in 2011.

Not only have great players come from Saban's tenure at Alabama, but great coaches as well. Florida head coach Jim McElwain spent 2008-2011 as Saban's offensive coordinator before accepting a head coaching job at Colorado State in 2012. In December, Georgia made heavily-pursued Alabama defensive coordinator Kirby Smart their head man based on his eight successful years under Saban.

Like it or not, Alabama may be the best college football team the game has ever seen, and Saban is certainly in the conversation for the best college coach of all-time. So rather than rooting against the Tide simply for the sake of a change of power in the sport, appreciate that Alabama is bringing us something truly special year in and year out.